

# Statewide Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan Policy Committee Meeting

March 19, 2003  
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## Meeting summary

Ms. Judy Connally welcomed all and began the meeting at 10:00.

February meeting minutes were approved.

The **Public Involvement Plan** for VTRANS2025 was presented by Ms. Gus Robey.

The presentation reviewed the public involvement to date, including the goals, objectives and outreach efforts. Phase 1 objectives were to create awareness of the planning effort to be undertaken and to create opportunities to share in the development of the vision for the plan. Ms. Robey also described the objectives for VTRANS2025's Phase 2. This phase will require a more extensive outreach plan involving the use of special techniques that ensure a comprehensive representation of citizens throughout the Commonwealth. These techniques include regional forums, group meetings, a possible survey, and innovative uses of radio and newspaper media. A diagram was distributed showing public involvement activities and dates to be conducted.

\*The committee accepted the VTRANS2025 Public Involvement Plan as presented with the understanding that at this point the plan contains necessary flexibility.

Mr. Ray Pethtel presented the work the Virginia Tech Team is conducting for the development of the Vision element of VTRANS2025. The Team has reviewed the public input to date, identified existing policies and procedures affecting transportation in Virginia, and has conducted issue framing sessions that will provide input to the development of an "issues booklet". This booklet will be used to derive a single vision concept comprised of common themes found in the scenarios presented.

Mr. Pethtel's presentation clarified the difference between citizen participation and citizen involvement. While participating, a citizen attends meetings, listens to presentations, and reads materials. When a citizen is involved, they join in the discussion, ask questions, and give viewpoints. The committee

agreed that it will be important, as we proceed with the public involvement process, to get citizens involved in the discussion in a meaningful, informed way.

Committee members expressed concerns regarding the four scenarios as presented and the resulting end product. Many of the concerns centered around the relationship of this work and the deliverables due to the General Assembly in December. To eliminate confusion, the Technical Committee was asked to provide a monthly status report on all deliverables including what they are, who is working on it, status of work done and the completion date. In addition, the work plan, the public involvement plan and the communications plan will be integrated to show coordination between the plans.

Concerning the scenarios, the recommendation was made to eliminate the scenario entitled “Changing what the Commonwealth does, and how it does it”. It was suggested that how we do things is a way of accomplishing the other three scenarios, and changing the way Virginia conducts business will most likely have to occur regardless of what scenario is chosen. As a result, the Virginia Tech Team will condense the four scenarios to three, making them more specific and with more discussion of the characteristics of each mode.

Please provide comments regarding the vision/scenarios presentation to Kathy Graham by March 27, 2003 at [statewideplan@virginiadot.org](mailto:statewideplan@virginiadot.org) or 804-786-4198.

\*The committee agreed to the continuation of the visioning effort.

It was noted that in accordance with the APA recommendations, the VTRANS2025 Policy Committee has been charged with providing a communication link to the CTB regarding the prioritization criteria for VTRANS2025 and it's relationship to the prioritization process for the Six-Year Program.

It was decided that due to the importance of ensuring timely delivery of the specific elements of VTRANS2025, the April meeting will be reinstated. This meeting is set for April 17, in the Northern Virginia District Office conference room, at 1:00.

**Policy Committee Members in  
Attendance**

Robert Bray  
James Keen  
Hunter Watson  
Judy Connally

Ralph Davis  
Kenny Klinge  
John Milliken  
Philip Shucet  
Jim Bland (for Charles Macfarlane)  
Harry Lester  
Gerald McCarthy  
Karen Rae

Tom Swanson

**Others in Attendance**

Whitt Clement  
Kathy Graham  
Kim Spence  
Jeff Florin  
Cliff Burnette  
Ray Pethtel  
Bethany Stich  
Mary Beth Dunkenberger  
Kathryn Young  
Joe Freeman  
Marsha Fiol  
Ken Lantz  
Ranjeet Rathore  
Lynda South  
Gus Robey  
Kevin Page  
Ken Myers  
Irene Rico  
George Conner  
Alan Tobias  
Jeff Southard  
Soo Young Park